



Embassy of the United States of America
Consular Section - Immigrant Visa Unit
Manila, Philippines

Dear K1/K2 Visa Applicant:

This is to inform you that an approved I-129F visa petition has been received by the Embassy from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) according you status as a fiancé(e) under the provisions of Section 101(a)(15)(K) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended. **You are now eligible to be scheduled for a visa interview.** You may request an interview appointment date by calling the Visa Information Services at 1-909-101-7878 (from the Philippines) or 1-888-877-9888 (from the United States). Applicants, petitioners and authorized agents calling the 1-909 number are charged US\$0.98 per minute, while the cost for those calling from within the U.S. using the 1-888 number is a US\$18 PIN payable using a Visa or MasterCard once you have called into the service. This service is not available to the public through the Visa Information Services web site.

Callers can speak with an English- or Tagalog-speaking operator. The service is available to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday – Friday (Manila local time).

A list of immigrant and fiancé(e) visa cases that have been scheduled for an interview is available at our web site at <http://manila.usembassy.gov/www3023.html>. You may confirm the interview date at this Internet address, where appointments scheduled for the current month and the following month are listed. The record is updated in the middle of each month.

You must bring the following documentation when you come to the Embassy for your interview:

- 1. PROOF OF PAYMENT.** **The application fee for a K1 or K2 nonimmigrant visa is US\$131,** payable **only** in Philippine pesos at the prevailing exchange rate. The fee should be paid by each applicant at designated branches of Banco de Oro (BDO) within Metro Manila and other key cities in the Philippines. For a complete list of branches currently accepting payment, visit BDO's web site at http://www.bdo.com.ph/Promos/US_payment.htm. Citibank's corporate center branch at Paseo de Roxas, Makati City will continue to accept payment. The bank will validate your payment on the DS-156 Nonimmigrant Visa Application Form or on the DS-157 Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application Form. The payment is valid for one (1) year.
- 2. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.** It is important that you submit **ALL** of the following documentation to facilitate the processing of your application. **You may be asked to return for another appointment if you fail to bring any of these documents:**
 - a. PASSPORT.** You must have a passport valid for at least six (6) months. If you do not have one, you should apply in person at the Passport Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila. For passport renewal, you can call the DFA Information Center at 02-737-1000. The DFA web site is <http://www.dfa.gov.ph>.
 - b. DS-156 NONIMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION.** Each applicant must submit two (2) completed copies of this form. Download form at http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms_1342.html.

- c. **DS-157 SUPPLEMENTAL NONIMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION.** Each applicant must submit two (2) completed copies of this form. Download form at http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms_1342.html.
- d. **DS-156K NONIMMIGRANT FIANC(E) VISA APPLICATION.** Each K1 applicant must submit one (1) completed copy of this form. **This form is not required for K2 applicants.** Download form at http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms_1342.html.
- e. **BIRTH CERTIFICATE.** Your birth certificate should be a copy issued by the National Statistics Office (NSO) and printed on NSO security paper. If applicable, you should also submit NSO birth certificates for all your children, even for those who are not applying for a visa. You may call the NSO Information Center at 02-737-1111 to inquire on securing a birth certificate or visit their web site at <http://www.census.gov.ph>. If the NSO does not have a copy of the birth certificate, you must obtain a statement about its unavailability from the NSO and obtain a certified original copy (not an extract) of the birth certificate from the local registrar in the town where you were born.
- f. **NBI CLEARANCE.** Applicants aged 16 years and older must have a valid Record Clearance for Travel Abroad Purposes from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI). Clearances should be in the applicant's current name, birth certificate name, maiden name and any aliases or nicknames used, including different spellings you have used of those names. For immigration purposes, an NBI clearance is valid for one (1) year from the date it was issued. The NBI web site is <http://www.nbi.gov.ph>.
- g. **OTHER COUNTRY POLICE CERTIFICATES.** Applicants aged 16 years and older must also present police certificates from other countries where they have lived for six (6) months or more after reaching the age of 16. As with NBI clearances, foreign police certificates should be obtained in any maiden names, aliases or nicknames used while in the country in question, including different spellings you have used of those names. Country-specific information on how to secure police certificates is available on the State Department's web site at http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/reciprocity/reciprocity_3272.html.
- h. **COURT AND PRISON RECORDS:** Applicants who have been arrested, charged or convicted of a crime must present copies or transcripts of court or prison records relating to the crime or offense.
- i. **MILITARY RECORDS:** Applicants who served in the military should present a certified copy of their military records.
- j. **EVIDENCE OF A MEETING PRIOR TO THE PETITION.** You and your petitioner must have physically been together at some point within two years before the petition was filed. Proof of this meeting should be submitted unless the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) waives this requirement. A few photographs of the applicant and petitioner together during the specified time may serve as evidence of this requirement. You may visit the USCIS web site at <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis> for further information.
- k. **EVIDENCE OF A GENUINE ENGAGEMENT.** You must be prepared to show documents that you have a genuine relationship with your petitioner and a clear intention to marry.

Letters, e-mails, phone records, bank records, photographs, or other evidence of a genuine fiancé(e) relationship should be submitted.

- l. PROOF OF TERMINATION OF A PRIOR MARRIAGE.** If applicable, official documents (divorce decree, annulment decree or death certificate, etc.) that prove all prior marriages contracted by you and the petitioner have been legally terminated prior to the filing of the petition must be submitted.
- m. CERTIFICATE OF NO MARRIAGE RECORD (CENOMAR).** If you have never contracted marriage, a CENOMAR (Singleness) issued by the National Statistics Office (NSO) and printed on NSO security paper should be submitted. You may call the NSO Information Center at 02-737-1111 to inquire on securing a CENOMAR or visit their web site at <http://www.census.gov.ph>.
- n. EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT.** You should be able to demonstrate that you will not become a public charge or be a burden on the U.S. taxpayers for financial support. A completed I-134 Affidavit of Support Form will be useful to the consular officer to evaluate your petitioner's ability to be financially responsible for you. You should also submit your petitioner's most recent U.S. Federal income tax return (Form 1040) and wage statements (Form W-2). Employment letters stating salaries and bank statements may be included to substantiate the I-134. Download Form I-134 at <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>.
- o. VISA PHOTOGRAPHS.** You must bring two (2) colored photographs printed according to given specifications. The specifications for visa photos should be strictly observed. Visit the web site at http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/info/info_1287.html for information.
- p. MEDICAL EXAMINATION.** All K1 and K2 visa applicants must complete a medical examination at St. Luke's Extension Clinic. Refer to the instructions (see separate page) regarding the medical examination.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ◆ **Come To The Embassy On Your Appointed Interview Date.** If you are eligible for a K1 or K2 visa, your passport with the approved visa attached will be delivered to the address you provided on the DS-156 application form. The Embassy uses a guaranteed courier service to handle its deliveries. Delivery should be within two weeks from visa issuance. Some cases may need further review, which may delay your application by several more weeks. If we have questions about your application, we will send a letter and ask you to submit additional documents, or to return to the Embassy for another interview. No Embassy representative is authorized to tell you that a visa has been approved until a consular officer authorizes printing of the visa.
- ◆ For the safety and security of all applicants and employees, visa applicants are no longer permitted to bring cell phones or other electronic devices into the U.S. Embassy. Applicants who bring such devices will be denied entry. Please make arrangements to leave your

electronic equipment in a safe location off Embassy grounds during your interview appointment.

- ◆ We will try to return documents that you submitted and asked us to return, but do not give us anything that cannot be replaced. Make copies of important documents and submit copies along with the originals you want returned to you.
- ◆ Your passport must be valid for at least six (6) months. We will ask you to submit a new passport if your current one has a validity of less than six (6) months.
- ◆ The K1 or K2 visa is **NOT** an immigrant visa (IV), nor is it a legal permanent resident card (green card). The K1 visa is a nonimmigrant visa (NIV) that allows you to travel to the United States to marry **your petitioner** within 90 days of your entry to the United States. Once you marry, you need to apply to the USCIS to adjust your status to a legal permanent resident (LPR). Traveling outside of the U.S. while an adjustment of status application is pending may have severe consequences. You should contact the USCIS before you travel to determine if you require a travel document to re-enter the U.S. It is important that you obtain proper documentation before leaving the United States, even on an emergency. The K1/K2 visa is valid for only one-entry into the U.S. Once you enter U.S. territory, e.g., Guam, you will not be allowed to re-enter the U.S. on the same visa if your onward flight transits a third country.
- ◆ Minor children who are identified and listed in the approved I-129F petition may follow-to-join their petitioned parent. **However, such follow-to-join K-2 visas can only be issued within one year from the time the parent was issued the K1 visa.** After one (1) year, they will no longer be able to derive immigration benefits from the I-129F petition and you or your spouse will have to file an immediate relative or second preference petition for them to qualify again for immigration benefits.
- ◆ If you have one or more children not listed on the visa petition, **or** a current pregnancy, **or** a prior undisclosed marriage even if the marriage has now been terminated, **or** are currently afflicted with a contagious or communicable disease of public health significance, you must be prepared to present a notarized letter from the petitioner stating he/she is aware of the discrepancies between the facts stated on the petition and your actual personal circumstances, and still wishes to proceed with the proposed marriage.
- ◆ **Do not finalize arrangements for travel to the United States, dispose of properties, or resign from your job until a visa has been issued and delivered to you.** Generally, a one-entry fiancé(e) (K1) nonimmigrant visa is valid for six months from the date of issuance, unless its validity is limited by medical or other restrictions.



W A R N I N G

VISA FRAUD IS A SERIOUS OFFENSE. ATTEMPTS TO MISREPRESENT A MATERIAL FACT OR MISLEAD A CONSULAR OFFICER MAY JEOPARDIZE CURRENT AND FUTURE VISA APPLICATIONS.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIANCÉ(E) VISA APPLICANTS

Under U.S. immigration law, **ALL** applicants for fiancé(e) visas are required to undergo and complete a medical examination, regardless of age. The medical examination findings by a panel physician are binding on the consular officer and used to determine eligibility to receive a visa.

St. Luke's Medical Center Extension Clinic (SLMCEC) is the Embassy's accredited medical facility. It is located at 1177 J. Bocobo St., Ermita, Manila. The telephone numbers are 521-0020 and 521-8647, and it is open for business Monday through Friday (except on Philippine holidays), from 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. When you go to SLMCEC for medical examination, you must bring your passport and one photo (size: 2" x 2").

It is important that you must have completed your medical examination when you come to the Embassy for your visa interview. Otherwise, your visa application will be refused or you may be asked to return for another appointment. The medical examination results are delivered directly to the Embassy.

First-Come, First-Served

Applicants are examined on a first-come, first-served basis. Medical examinations may take more than one day to complete. Female applicants may request a female doctor to perform the examination. Unless it is necessary, do not bring companions due to space limitation at the clinic.

Fees

The medical examination fee is **US\$213.35** for adults (15 years of age or older) and **US\$185.35** for children (14 years of age or younger). Repeat X-rays will cost US\$7 each. Fees must be paid **only** in Philippine pesos at the prevailing exchange rate.

X-Rays

A chest X-ray is not required for children below 15 years old, unless symptoms of tuberculosis (TB) exist, there is a history of TB, or there has been possible exposure of TB with a known case such as a family or household member with TB.

Chest X-rays for pregnant women are not dangerous if taken with the proper shielding. U.S. Public Health Service/Centers for Disease Control (USPHS/CDC) has approved an exception to the chest X-ray requirement for pregnant women if they do not want to take it. However, pregnant women visa applicants are advised to obtain a tuberculin skin test and any necessary follow-up at the local health department after arriving in the United States. Applicants who have previous chest X-rays must bring the results with them to SLMCEC for comparative analysis.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Test

HIV infection, which may lead to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), is a communicable disease of public health significance. **ALL** applicants 15 years of age or older must be tested for evidence of HIV infection. Those under the age of 15 may be tested if there is reason to suspect HIV infection (for example a child whose natural parent is HIV-positive).

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR “K” VISA APPLICANTS

U.S. immigration law requires that **ALL** intending immigrants be vaccinated against certain vaccine-preventable diseases before they can be admitted to the United States for permanent residence.

Vaccinations currently required are as follows:

- Mumps
- Measles
- Rubella
- Polio
- Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoids
- Pertussis
- Influenza Type B
- Hepatitis Type A
- Hepatitis Type B
- Varicella
- Pneumococcal
- Rotavirus
- Meningococcal
- Human Papillomavirus
- Zoster
- Any other vaccinations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices

“K” visa applicants, as nonimmigrant visa applicants, are technically not subject to the vaccination requirement. “K” visa applicants who refuse to comply with the vaccination requirement **will not** be denied a visa on that basis. As a matter of expediency, however, it is encouraged that “K” visa applicants meet the vaccination requirement before they are admitted into the U.S.

Bring Your Vaccination Records for the Panel Physician’s Review

You should bring records to show that you have already received vaccinations against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. The panel physician will review the vaccination records and will determine if you meet the vaccination requirement. Only the panel physician can determine which vaccinations are medically appropriate. This could mean that you may be required to repeat doses of vaccines that you have already received. Administering a second dose, however, will not endanger your health.

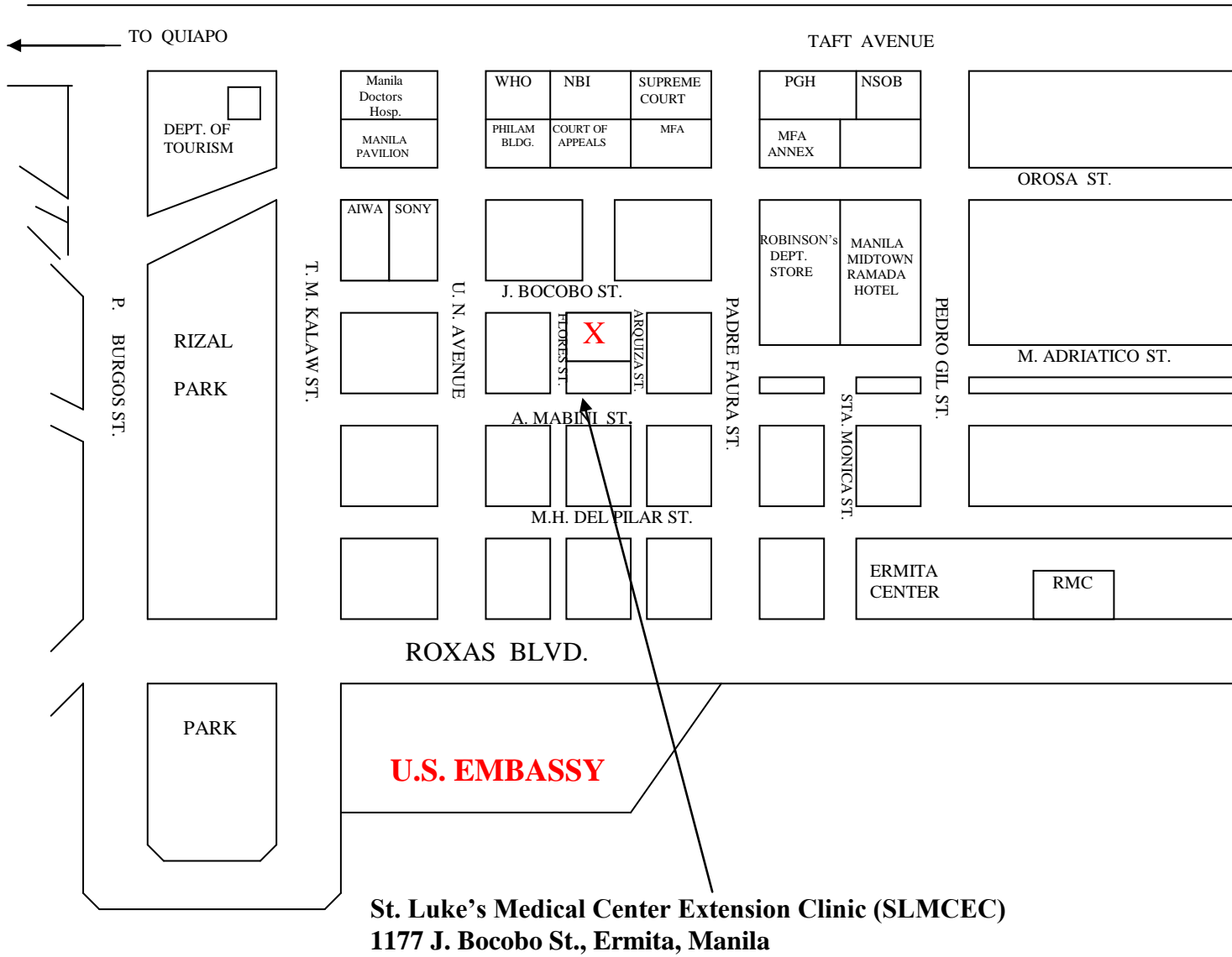
Adjustment Of Status Application After “K” Applicant’s Admission Into The U.S.

After you have been admitted to the U.S. in “K” status and apply for adjustment from nonimmigrant to a permanent resident (green card holder), the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will use the panel physician’s vaccination assessment to determine your admissibility on medical grounds. Applicants who have not fully complied with the vaccination requirement will have to do so before they may finalize their adjustment of status in the U.S.

Vaccination Requirement Waiver

A decision to grant a waiver of the vaccination requirement will only be made at the time an adjustment of status is filed and reviewed by the USCIS.

MAP TO ST. LUKE'S MEDICAL CENTER EXTENSION CLINIC (SLMCEC)



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THE ENGLISH AND TAGALOG TRANSLATIONS, THE ENGLISH
VERSION SHALL PREVAIL****